

Bids for Torrance Link of Harbor Freeway Opened

Bids for construction of nearly five miles of the Harbor freeway, between 124th and 190th streets, will be opened by the State Highway Department this afternoon, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced.

After bids have been opened they will be checked and analyzed by engineers of the Highway Department preparatory to recommending the award of contract.

Supervisor Hahn pointed out that construction of this segment of the Harbor freeway will be of tremendous benefit to all of the north, southeast and southwest sections of the County.

It will connect with Artesia boulevard (174th street), which is an important east-west state highway extending from the bay cities to Orange County. It will also serve as a vital link to the San Diego freeway, and to the Harbor area, the bay cities, Torrance, Compton, Gardena, and adjacent communities.

Last year Kenneth Hahn went with a delegation of 40 civic leaders of the southwest and bay cities areas to Sacramento to urge that \$8,700,000 be budgeted for construction of the Harbor freeway.

He pointed out that the Harbor freeway is the second most traveled thoroughfare in the world — surpassed only by the Hollywood freeway—now carrying 190,000 vehicles a day.

When the section between Century boulevard and 124th street is opened early next month, the traffic count will undoubtedly increase.

About two years of construction time will be required to complete the freeway to 190th street after contract has been awarded.

FIRM GETS CONTRACT

General Contracting Corp. of Harbor City, has been awarded a \$73,880 contract for shield assembly, according to the Small Business Administration.

Show To End Pool Season

Recreation officials will "pull the plug" on the Victor Benstead Plunge this weekend with an "Indian Summer" show to be held Saturday and Sunday starting at 7 p.m.

The acts, which will spell the end of the summer for swimming activities, will include a canoe jousting fray, a swimming and diving exhibition, clown diving and a water ballet.

Participants in the canoe event will be Lee Nelson, Ken White, Jesse Perez, and Tom Hammack; swimmers are Judi Rynhart, Chris Wallace, Barbara Selleck and Mary Others.

Allen Pell and Larry Miller will give diving exhibits, clown divers are Phil Scholl, Gary Rickard and Jack Rawnsley. The ballet will feature Lida Davis, Malinda Capps, Lynda Schorn, Nancy Robards, Nancy Hornbeck, Carla Osterlind and Sharyn Foster.

Joyce Flocker and Jim Whitely are in charge of scenery, Elsie Pestoff will handle costumes and George Gillum, special effects.

Chamber Backs School Bonds

Torrance Chamber of Commerce has voted unanimously to endorse and support the \$15,000,000 bond issue for the Torrance Unified School District.

In making the announcement, President Fred W. Mill said his group took the action to support the Board of Education Bond Issue, "because, under California State Laws, we must bond to capacity to obtain state aid."

Mill added that the new bond issue will not increase the tax rate. The Chamber Board said that, although in the past 8 to 10 years, dwelling units have increased 218 percent, assessed valuation 412 percent, and population 574 percent, the school attendance rate has increased an unheard of 1,093 percent, or roughly 12 to 1.



PULLING THE PLUG—On the summer season of the Benstead swimming pool will be an "Indian Summer" water show Saturday and Sunday. In Indian canoe in front of tepee are Gary Rickard, Melinda Capps and Larry Miller.

Press Photo

City-Little League Pact for Park Use Recommended

A cooperative policy between Little Leagues and the Recreation Department for use of city parks, was proposed to the Recreation Department last night.

Harry B. Van Bellehem, director of the Recreation Department proposed that all Little League and other leagues form a Youth Baseball Council representing all teams, and that could negotiate with the city.

He also proposed that the private baseball teams be permitted to play at all city parks except Torrance and El Nido, during the evening hours on week days and most of the day on Saturdays and Sundays.

That diamonds in city parks and playgrounds be developed so that they can be used for both baseball and softball and that a concession stand can be placed at each park.

Golf Links Proposed On Sump

A proposal to construct an 18-hole short course in the Tower St. Sump, will be discussed Wednesday by the Park and Recreation Commission.

Director Harry B. Van Bellehem of the Recreation Department announced that he has received an offer from Cecil Hollingsworth to build the course for the city, with Torrance to repay the cost from future receipts.

Van Bellehem said that the commission should make a decision on future use of the 27-acre site, since he expects to receive future requests for it as a Little League park.

A request for use of the Bishop Montgomery School sump for Little League purposes was recently approved.

Van Bellehem said that the commission should talk with Hollingsworth about the proposed golf course to explore financing arrangements.

Loranger Heads Uniform Postal Address Drive

Paul D. Loranger, prominent Torrance business and civic leader, has been named chairman of a committee to secure uniform mailing addresses for all Torrance residents.

President Fred W. Mill of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce said Loranger would be assisted by William J. Hanson, Hanson is president of the Hollywood-Riviera Homeowners Association and is Chairman of the Library Commission.

Mill said his group is working with the City of Torrance so that three sections of Torrance won't receive their mail addressed to surrounding cities.

Urge Park Lawns

Master plans for La Romeria and Paradise Parks are now being made, with residents of the Hollywood Riviera area to assist in making the plans for Los Arboles Park.

Harry B. Van Bellehem, director of the Recreation Department, recommended that sprinkler systems be installed for the entire park areas and that lawns be planted.

ACCOUNTANTS MEETING

Torrance members of the Long Beach Chapter of the National Association of Accountants have been invited to a meeting Wednesday at the La Fayette Hotel, Long Beach to meet Harold E. Rowles, national vice president.

Nike Site Turnover Planned

Formal turn-over of the Torrance Nike Base operation to the National Guard will be held Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

At that time, Brig. Gen. Clifford F. Beyers, commander of the 114th AAA Brigade of the National Guard, will accept the installation from Brig. Gen. Willis A. Perry, commander of the 47th Artillery Brigade, USA.

Jaycees Honor Veep

Robert Cox, president of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be guest of honor at a cocktail party at Capriinos at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

In making the announcement, President Bob Bartz of the local Jaycees said Cox will be the first national Jaycee officer ever to visit the Torrance area.

The 865th Missile Battalion will turn over the base to the 720th Missile Battalion of the National Guard, which will man it and three other Nike Sites. Guardsmen have been undergoing extensive training during

the past year, and have been stationed at the Torrance base on Crenshaw Blvd. north of the airport for several weeks.

Members of the Army installation, commanded here by Lt. Paul E. Kiefer, of 4327 Newton st., who will be transferred to

the Airborne and Ranger School, Ft. Benning, Ga.

Capt. Paul S. Kelly, will be the new commanding officer of Battery D. The Torrance Nike site has been in operation since Jan. 1, 1957.

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